

this week, I would like to recognize all pharmacists across the United States who ensure that Americans have access to important and often lifesaving medications.

Every day pharmacists are directly involved in patient care, and pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professionals in the country. Ninety-five percent of Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy.

From administering flu shots to COVID-19 vaccines, pharmacists are a vital resource in our communities, and they will continue to play an active role in combating the virus. Because of their hard work, lives will be saved.

Madam Speaker, I encourage everyone to get to know their pharmacists and to thank them for the work that they do.

As a pharmacist currently serving in Congress, I thank all pharmacists around the world. We can look forward to a brighter future because of them.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING DR. JAMES POLK
"JAY" BRINSON, III

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor former Wayne County superintendent, principal, and coach, Dr. Jay Brinson, who sadly passed away at the age of 51.

Jay was proud to be a graduate of the Wayne County School System and was a devoted Yellow Jacket throughout his life.

After graduating from Wayne County High School in 1988, he would return to the school for a 29-year career. During this time, he was a coach, a teacher, and an administrator with a personal mission to give back to a community that he believed invested so much in him.

He retired as superintendent of Wayne County schools in March, leaving a lasting impact on his students.

Above all, Jay was a man of dignity who led by example.

I am thankful for Jay's service to Georgia's First Congressional District, and I know his legacy will remain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF BRYAN REYES ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Palm Springs Police Chief Bryan Reyes, who retired after nearly 30 years of service to our communities.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Chief Reyes began his career in law enforcement as a reserve police officer for the Compton Police Department in 1991.

After transferring to the Palm Springs Police Department in 1993, he rose through the ranks, serving as an officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before ultimately becoming police chief.

Chief Reyes has had a lasting impact on the Palm Springs community and has led the department through difficult times.

On October 8, 2016, during the first year of his tenure as chief of police, Palm Springs Police Officers Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega were tragically killed in the line of duty.

Chief Reyes recognized the devastating impact this would have on the department, community, and the officers' families. In this difficult time, he prioritized the mental health needs of those affected, and his guidance brought us all closer together.

I am honored to have collaborated with Chief Reyes in authoring legislation to commemorate the tremendous sacrifice made by Officers Zerebny and Vega that day. Named in their honor and inspired by our local police officers at the Palm Springs Police Department, the Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act would get families of our fallen heroes the support they need and ensure they have every opportunity to succeed in life.

During his more than 6 years of leadership, Chief Reyes strengthened the department's community policing in neighborhoods and expanded engagement with residents and community organizations.

Further, he has received numerous accolades for his incredible leadership, including lifesaving medals, the officer of the year award, and the community heroes award.

Chief Reyes' 28 years of tireless and dedicated work for the Palm Springs community is a testament to his outstanding leadership, character, and commitment to the well-being of Palm Springs residents.

I have no doubt that changes brought about under his leadership will continue to improve the lives of Palm Springs police officers and the entire Palm Springs community.

On behalf of the great people of California's 36th Congressional District, thank you, Chief Bryan Reyes, for all you have done for our community. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

EXTRADITION OF ALEX SAAB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. SALAZAR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, for those who enable murderous dictators, the United States system will find you in this life or the next, and this is the perfect example.

For Alex Saab, the plunderer of Venezuela, justice for his crimes against humanity will be swift and without mercy.

Why? Because over the weekend we learned that Saab will finally be extradited to the United States.

He tried to claim diplomatic immunity, but he is not a diplomat. He is not a politician. He is just another thug for the Venezuelan regime.

Saab was Maduro's leading front man and his number one money launderer. He is a drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine. He helped finance the worst crimes and the most appalling human rights abuses committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela in the last 15 years.

So it is no surprise that Maduro, the dictator, has pulled out all the stops to try to prevent his extradition to the United States, but he could not.

In the meantime, earlier this week, six American executives, American executives in Venezuela, known as the Citgo 6, were sent back to a cruel political prison for no reason.

The regime arrested these men on bogus charges in 2020 with no justification. Now, with no explanation, Maduro has condemned these innocent American executives to rot in a Venezuelan prison.

Why? Just one reason: retaliation because Maduro doesn't like this picture.

This is a classic tactic of tyrants. If Maduro thinks that he can make a prisoner exchange, he needs to wake up and realize that the United States does not deal with dictators. So the Citgo 6, six American executives, need to be released now, unconditionally.

Unfortunately, Maduro right now is panicking because his top confidant will soon be facing trial in an American court of law, and he will say many things that Maduro doesn't want us to hear.

Today, the victims of the Maduro regime in Venezuela will finally have some justice, but we, as a Nation, cannot stop until Venezuela is free of this satanic nightmare called the Maduro regime.

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RECOGNIZING LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Originally founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr. as Lynchburg Baptist College in 1971, its first classes were held that September for its 154 students.

Over the years, the college has grown and transformed in many ways, but has always remained a Christian academic community practicing the traditions of evangelical institutions of higher education.

The school was renamed Liberty Baptist College in 1975 and became Liberty University in 1985.

Now, Liberty University is one of the largest private nonprofit universities in the Nation and the largest university in Virginia, boasting more than 95,000 total undergraduate and postgraduate students, both in person and online.